6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
7. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
8. Poverty Ratio to Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The growth in GDP in 1997-98 at constant (1993-94) prices was 5.0 per cent as against 7.8 per cent achieved during 1996-97;

(c) The main factors responsible for slow growth in GDP in 1997-98 were (i) negative growth of 1.3 per cent as compared to positive 9.6 per cent in 1996-97 in agriculture, (ii) 'low growth of 1.6 per cent in fishing as compared to 10.3 per cent in the previous year, (iii) low performance of manufacturing industries registering 6.8 per cent growth as compared to a growth of 7.7. per cent in the privious year and (iv) lower growth of the services sectors relating to the 'trade, hotel and restaurants' registering a growth of S.4 per cent (as against 8.4 per cent in the previous year) and 'transport, storage and communication' registering a growth of 6.5 per cent (as compared to 9.0 per cent in the previous year).

Growth in GDP

1826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GDP growth rate had slowed down in 1997-98;

(b) if so, growth in GDP in 1997-98 how it compares with that achieved in 1996-97; and

(c) details of the factors responsible for slow growth in GDP?

Trade and security issues under the ambit of Planning Commission

1827. SHRI AMAR SINGH; will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade and security issues have been brought under the ambit of Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Special Central

assistance to West Bengal

1828. SHRI DAWA LAMA: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special Central assistance allocated to West Bengal in 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) what were the shares of Darjeeling district out of above; and

(c) for what purposes the amount is being spent in Darjeeling scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The amount of special central assistance allocated to West Bengal in 1995-96,

1996-97 and 1997-98 under various schemes is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Allocated		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Hill Area Development Programme (HADP)	22.23	22.23	22.23
Border Area Development Programme (BADP)	30.81	30.81	30.81
Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)	17.63	15.58	16.00
Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)	2.61	0.50	1.15

MPLAD Scheme

1829. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any circular/guidelines have been issued regarding MPLAD Scheme, such as Rajya Sabha M.P.s shall select only one district per year for works; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for only one district in the State which he represents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. However as per para 1.2 of the guidelines on MPLAD Scheme, elected Rajya Sabha MPs representing the whole of the State as they do, may select works for implementation in one or more District(s), as they may choose. Nominated Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha may select works for implementation in one or more District(s), but within one State of their choice. For ensuring better coordination, MPs will be required to nominate one District Collector who will work as nodal officer for purposes of monitoring the implementation of the projects under the scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth Target for industrial and Agricultural Sectors

1830. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had fixed the growth target for industrial and agricultural sector in the country particularly in the State of Punjab for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) if so, the achievements made in this regard;

(c) the targets fixed for growth rate for industrial and agricultural sector in the year 1999-2000; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The target growth rates for industrial and agriculture sectors for the country have